

4. (Amended) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the desiccant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of alkaline earth metal oxides and sulfate salts.

5. (Amended) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said resin component is at least one kind of gas-permeable resin.

**Please add the following claims:**

9. (New) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said resin component is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyacrylic acids or esters, polyacrylonitrile, polyamides, polyesters, epoxy resins and polycarbonates.

10. (New) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein said resin component is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polybutadiene and polyisoprene.

11. (New) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the amount of said desiccant is about 30 to 85 weight % and that of said resin component is about 70 to 15 weight % based on 100 weight % of the desiccant and resin component combined.

12. (New) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the amount of said desiccant is about 40 to 80 weight % and that of said resin component is about 60 to 20 weight % based on 100 weight % of the desiccant and resin component combined.

13. (New) An organic EL device according to Claim 1 wherein the amount of said desiccant is about 50 to 70 weight % and that of said resin component is about 50 to 30 weight % based on 100 weight % of the desiccant and resin component combined.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention by defining the preformed moisture-absorbing body. Support for Claim 1 can be found on page 9, lines 12-14 of the specification as filed, for example. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to change the dependencies. Claims 2 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 9-13 have been added. Support for Claims 9-13 can be found on page 11, lines 1-19 of the specification as filed. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-13 are pending in this application. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." The amendments do not constitute the addition of